

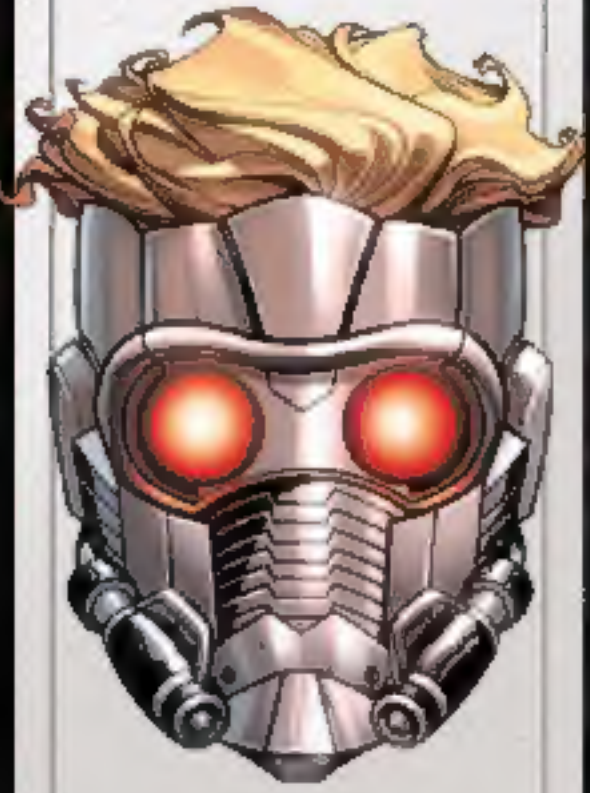
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BLACK SHEEP, SCOUNDRELS, WEIRDOS: PETER QUILL--A.K.A. STAR-LORD--DRAX THE DESTROYER, GAMORA, SCOTT LANG--A.K.A. ANT-MAN--ROCKET RACCOON, AND GROOT LEARNED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEN DISCOVERED THEY COULD NOT STAND BY WHEN THE UNIVERSE WAS IN PERIL. THEY HAVE NO OFFICIAL JURISDICTION, BUT IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE (OR YOU'VE GOT A LINE ON A SCORE) IN THE MILKY WAY, YOU CAN CALL THE...

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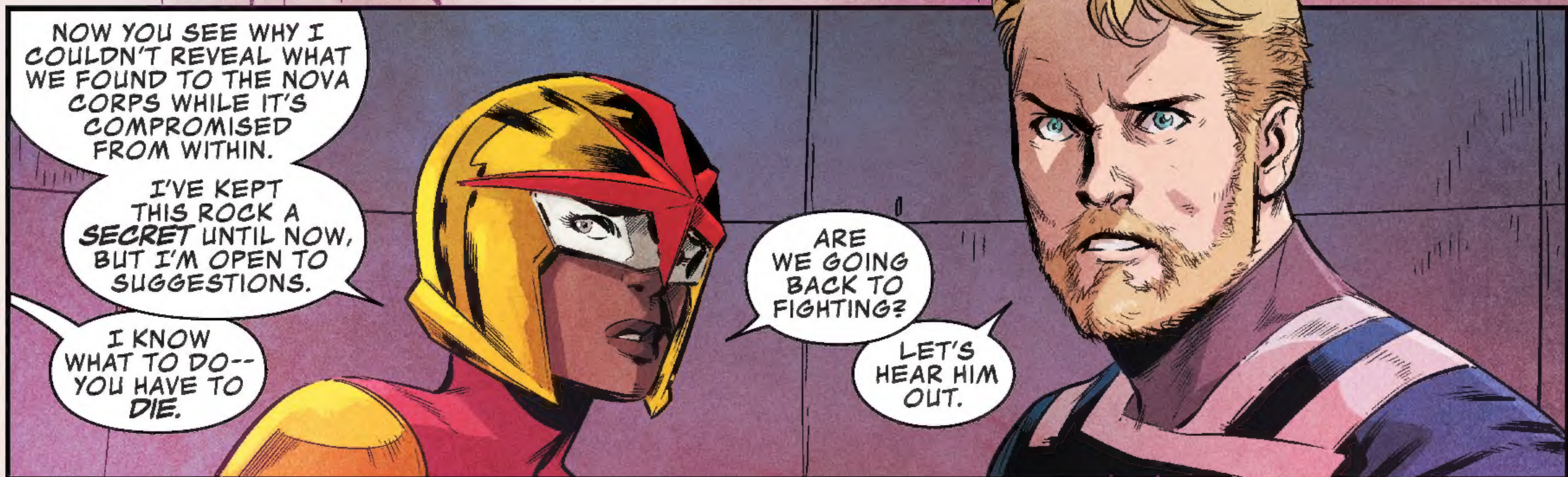
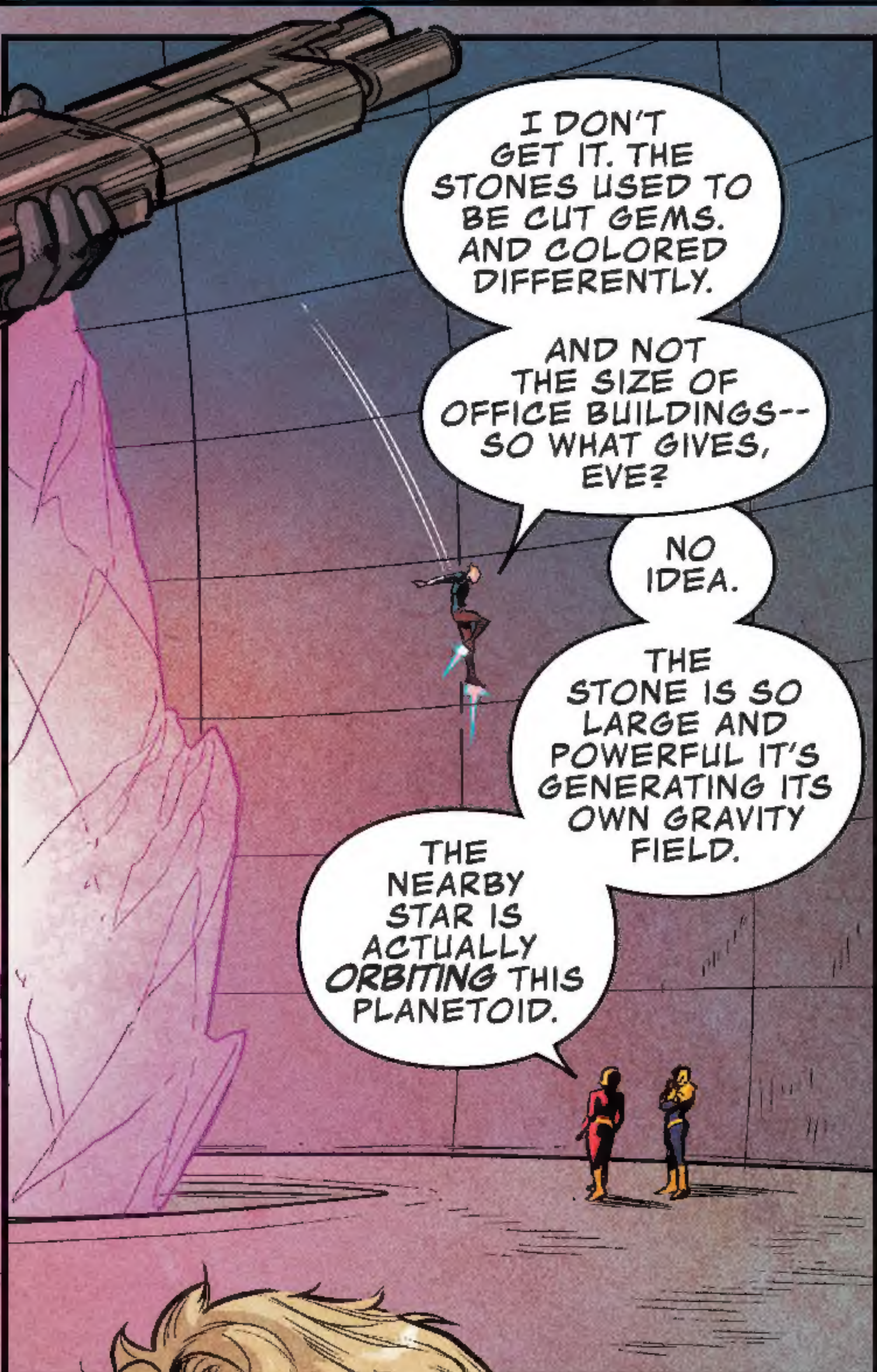
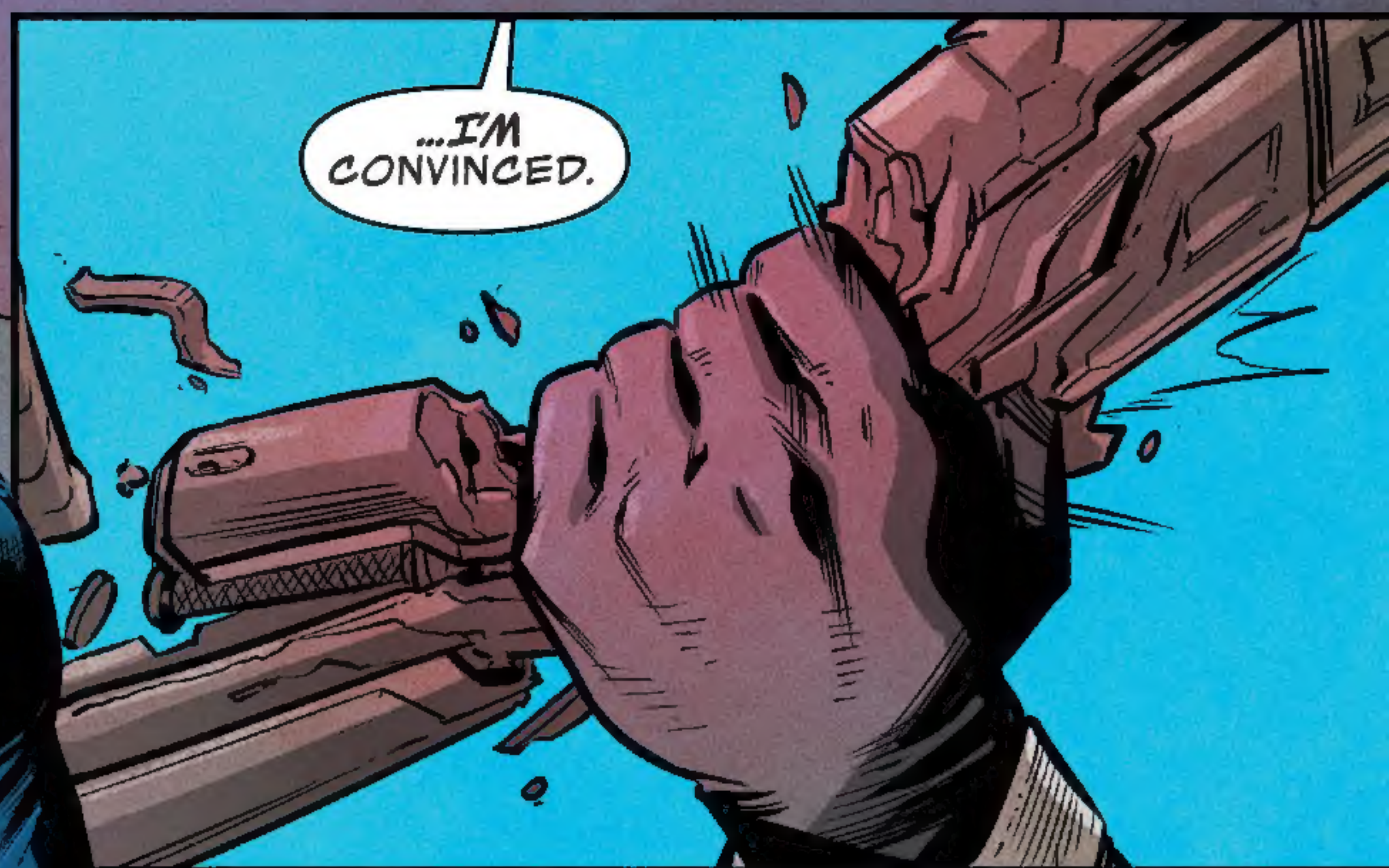
in Jungleland

UNDERCOVER WITH THE NOVAS, THE GUARDIANS ARE CHECKING OUT LIFE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW. ALONG WITH ANT-MAN, THEY'RE ROOTING OUT CORRUPTION IN THE CORPS--BUT WHAT THEY'VE FOUND IS FAR MORE THAN MERE MISBEHAVIOR.

ULTRON ZOMBIES ARE ATTACKING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE. RICH RIDER, A NOVA ASSUMED DEAD, IS STILL ALIVE AND KICKING. AND PETER HAS STUMBLERD ONTO AN INFINITY STONE THE SIZE OF A HOUSE. THAT PROBABLY WON'T CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS...

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WE FOUND THE GRAVES OF THE NOVAS ON THE BASE AT RED ROCK.

THEIR IDENTITIES HAD BEEN ASSUMED BY SOME SPACE PIRATES.

AND THE BAD GUYS DIDN'T WANT TO BE TAKEN ALIVE, COMMANDER ADSIT.

THE ROCK.
THE HQ OF THE NEW NOVA CORPS, SO NAMED BY SCOTT ADSIT, WHO FEELS THE FILM IS UNDERRATED.



THEY GOT THEIR WISH.

DAMN STRAIGHT.

DAMMIT.



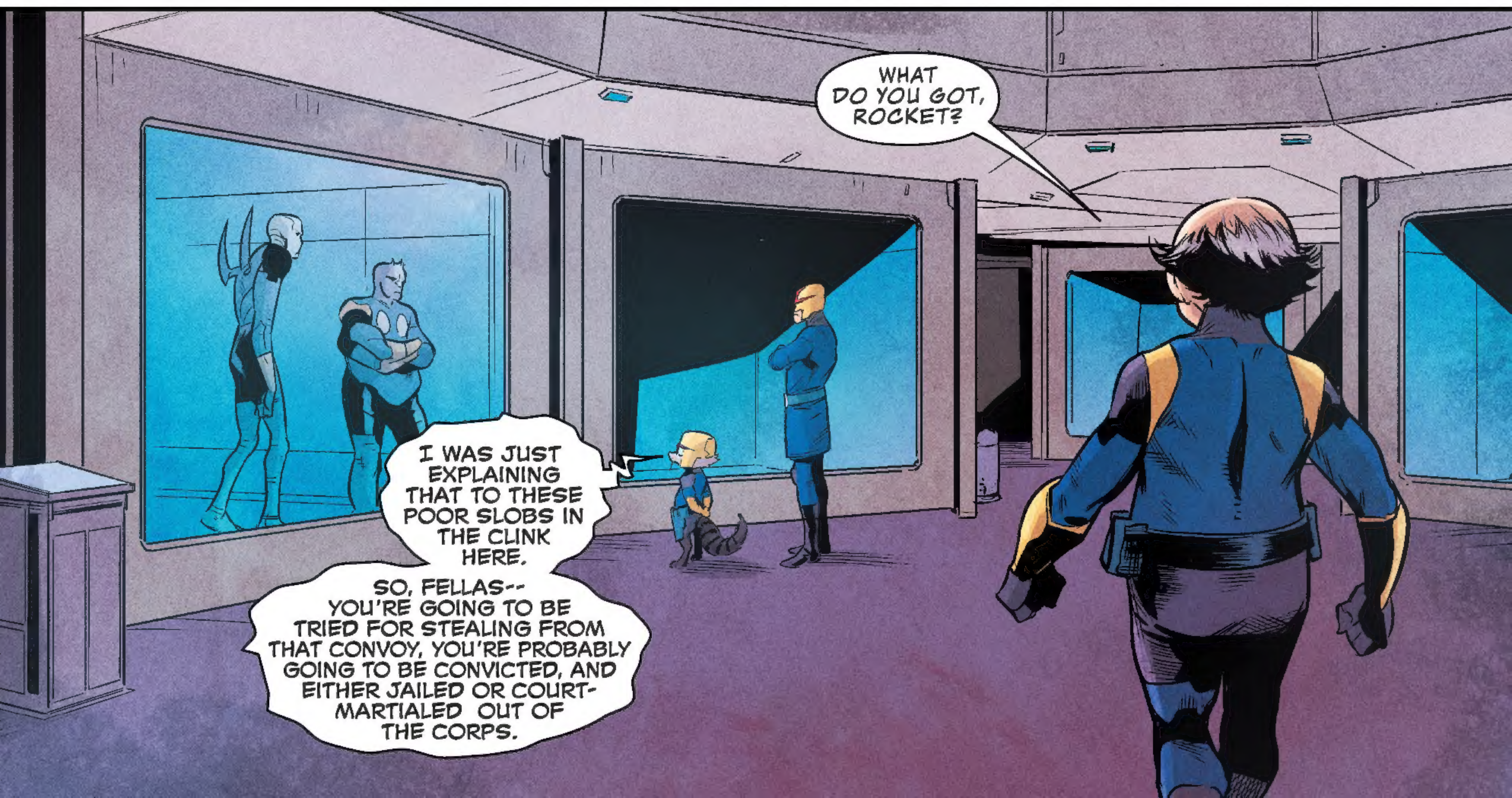
I THOUGHT EYE BAKIAN WAS ONE OF THE GOOD ONES. THE CORPS COULD SURE USE HER HELP NOW.

HANG OUT FOR A FEW MINUTES. I GOTTA SEE A RACCOON ABOUT SOME DIRTY COPS.



I HATE LYING TO HIM--

--BUT LET'S CLEAN UP THE CORPS BEFORE WE REVEAL EVE'S FOUND EL POWER STONE GRANDE. HOPEFULLY ROCKET'S MAKING SOME PROGRESS.



WHAT DO YOU GOT, ROCKET?

I WAS JUST EXPLAINING THAT TO THESE POOR SLOBS IN THE CLINK HERE.

SO, FELLAS-- YOU'RE GOING TO BE TRIED FOR STEALING FROM THAT CONVOY, YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE CONVICTED, AND EITHER JAILED OR COURT-MARTIALED OUT OF THE CORPS.



"...WHERE
THE HELL IS
THANOS?"

XIAN, YOUR
NOVAS HAVE
BEEN VERY
DIFFICULT TO
LOCATE.

THAT'S
HOW WE
LIKE IT,
DRAX.

WE
DON'T NEED
YOU GUARDIANS
OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
CHECKING UP
ON US.

WHO DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
FOOLING?

MAYBE
SOME OF YOUR
OTHER PALS COULD
DISAPPEAR INTO THE
NOVA CORPS AND
NOBODY WOULD
NOTICE.

BUT YOU?
GIVE ME A
BREAK.

YOU WERE THE
ONES TASKED WITH
FLYING THANOS FROM
EARTH TO HIS CELL
AT THE KILN.

ONLY
'CAUSE YOU
TOOK HIM
ALIVE.





PLEASE,
DON'T!

WE'RE NO
THREAT.

YOU
BELIEVE
THAT?



HA-HA.
I'LL ADMIT
IT LOOKS LIKE
THE FIGHT HAS
GONE OUT OF
YOU--

BUT I'VE
SEEN WHAT THIS
ULTRON INFECTION
DOES. I'VE SEEN
WHOLE PLANETS
FALL TO IT.



NO. WE ARE
MIRACLES.



HOLD.
I'D MOVE
YOUR HAND IF
I WERE YOU.

THAT
SO?



SUIT
YOURSELF.



SKRAKOOOM

AEEEEII



THESE
LIFE-FORMS
SEEM NOT
TO POSE A
THREAT.

SCRUNCK

YOU LET
THANOS LIVE,
NOW YOU'RE
LETTING
ULTRONS
LIVE!

DO YOU CALL
YOURSELF A
GUARDIAN OF
THE GALAXY
IRONICALLY?

DRAX, MY
NAME IS QUINON.
THERE'S TOO MUCH
TO EXPLAIN, BUT WHEN
ULTRON ATTACKED
MY PEOPLE--HE
CHANGED US.



WE GAINED
TELEPATHIC
ABILITIES AND, WITH
THEM, THE ABILITY TO
DISMISS HIS WILL
OVER US.

I WON'T ATTEMPT TO
CHANGE YOUR MIND.
I ONLY HOPE YOU'LL
HEAR MY THOUGHTS,
AND HOPE THAT
THEY RING TRUE.

XIAN IS ATTEMPTING TO
DECEIVE YOU. YOUR ENEMY
THANOS WAS NOT PLUNGED
INTO A BLACK HOLE. HE
WAS RELEASED AFTER A
BARGAIN WAS MADE--

--THAT HE WOULD
NOT ATTACK XIAN'S
TRUE MASTERS, THE
FRATERNITY OF
RAPTORS.

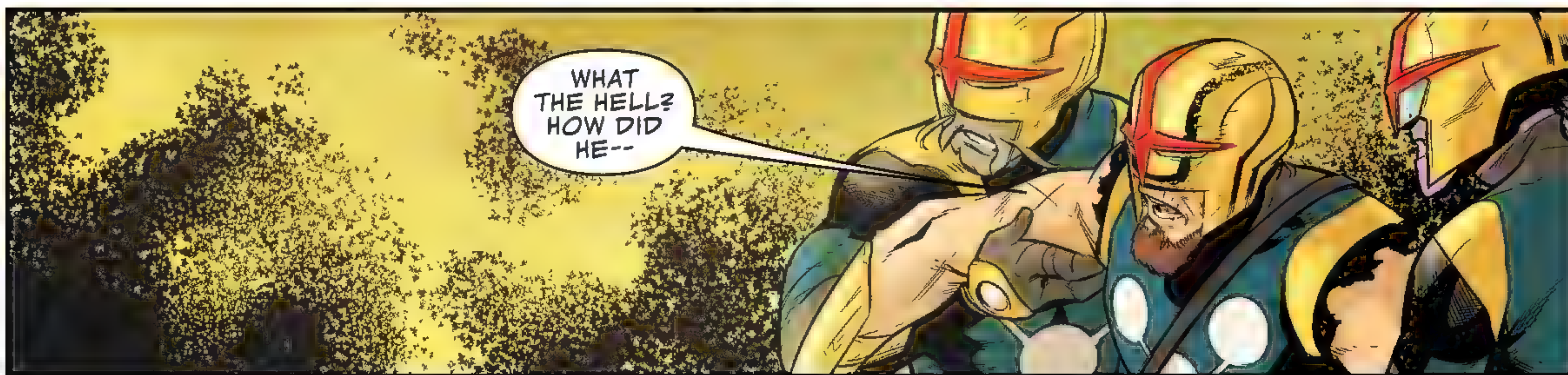
HA. IT
IS AS I
THOUGHT.





YOU ARE THE SHI'AR SPIES THAT SEEK TO SUBVERT THE NOVA CORPS.

YOU WILL NOT RESIST ARREST.

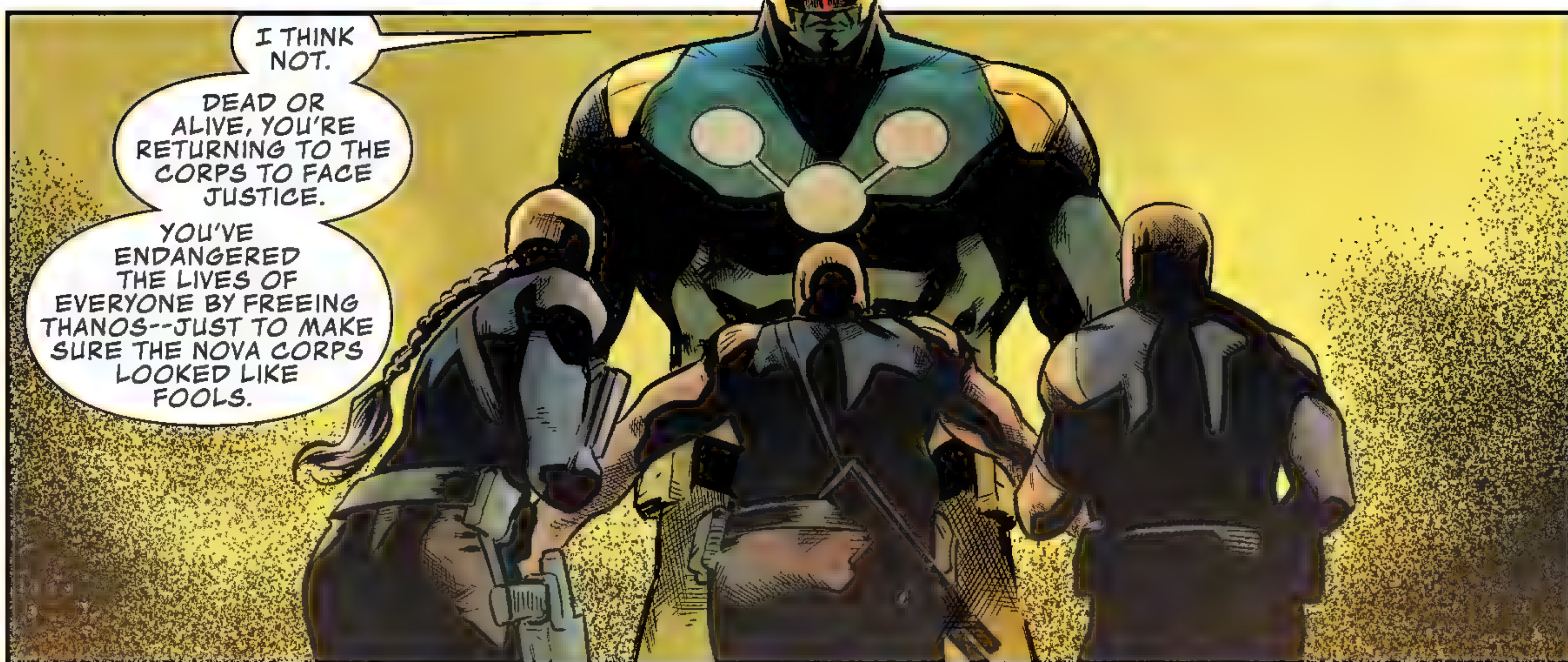


WHAT THE HELL? HOW DID HE--



HOLY FLARK, THIS THING IS A TELEPATHIC.

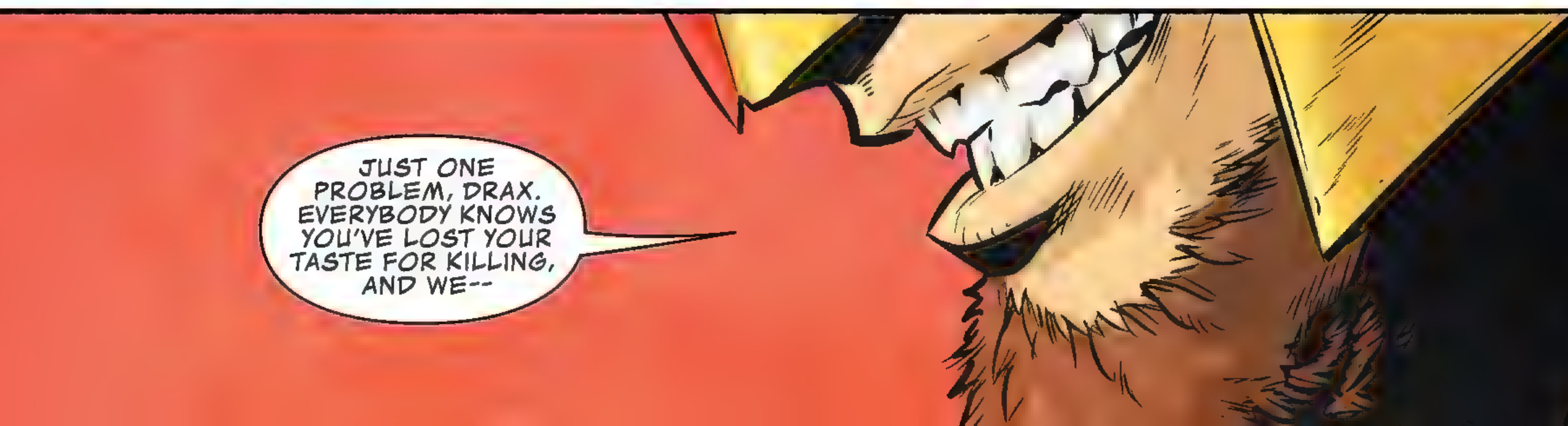
KILL IT!



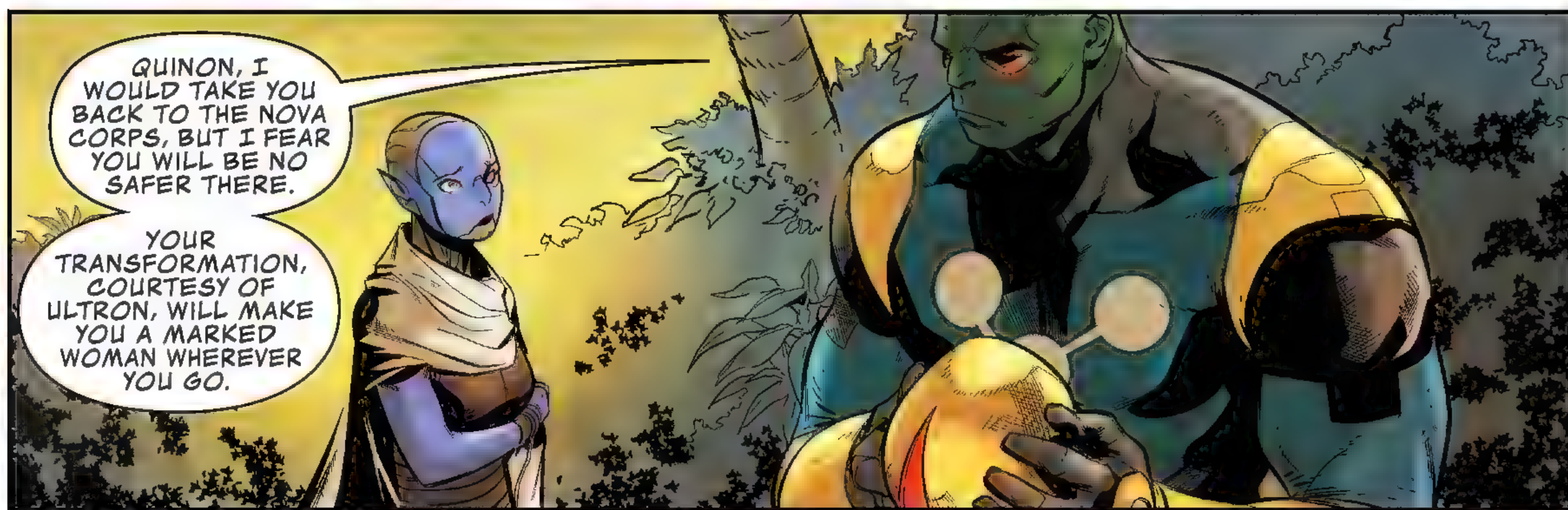
I THINK NOT.

DEAD OR ALIVE, YOU'RE RETURNING TO THE CORPS TO FACE JUSTICE.

YOU'VE ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF EVERYONE BY FREEING THANOS--JUST TO MAKE SURE THE NOVA CORPS LOOKED LIKE FOOLS.



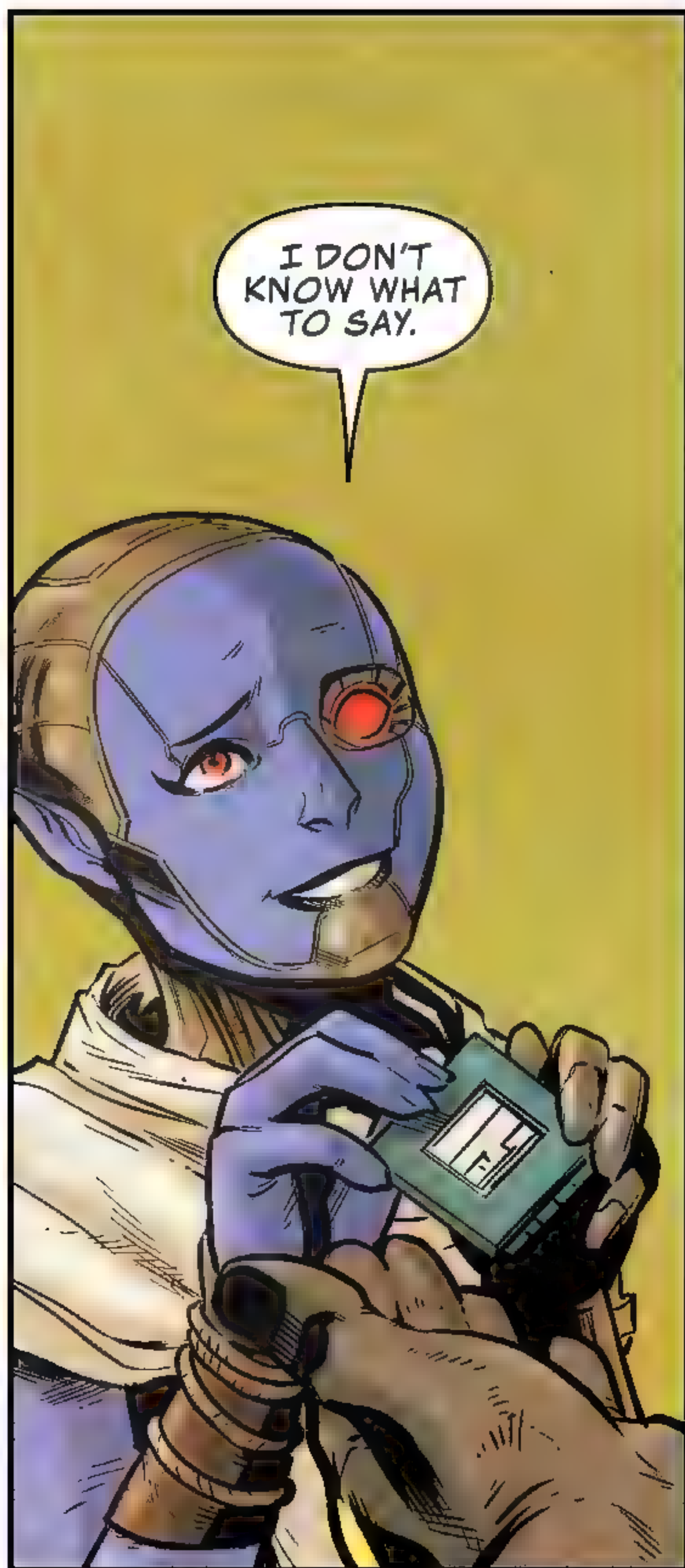
JUST ONE PROBLEM, DRAX. EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU'VE LOST YOUR TASTE FOR KILLING, AND WE--





TAKE THE
OTHER NOVA
SHUTTLE.

BE WELL,
AND GOOD
LUCK.



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.



YOU
HAVE A KIND
SOUL.



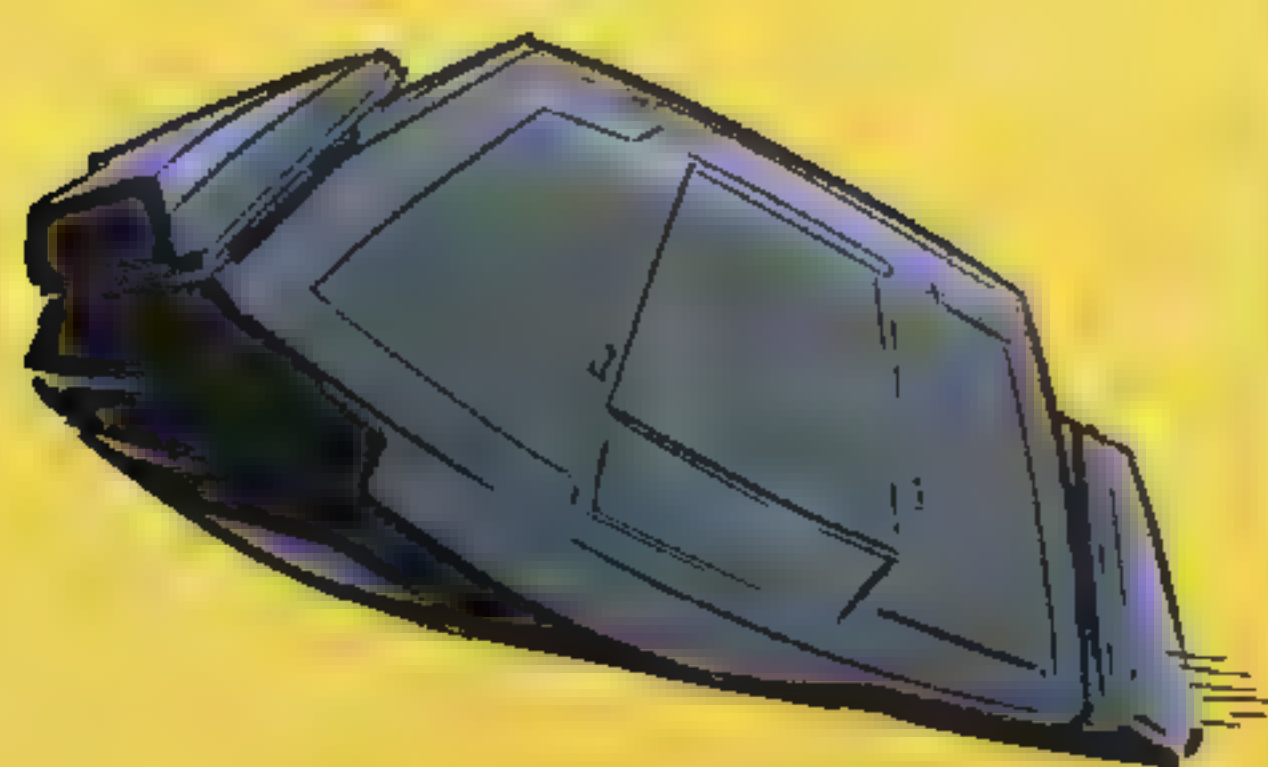
YOU WOULD
NOT SAY THAT
IF YOU KNEW
ME.



TO SAVE
ONE LIFE IS
TO SAVE THE
UNIVERSE.

TODAY,
YOU SAVED
THREE SOULS,
DRAX.

SHOULD
YOU NEED
TO...



...CALL
ON ME.



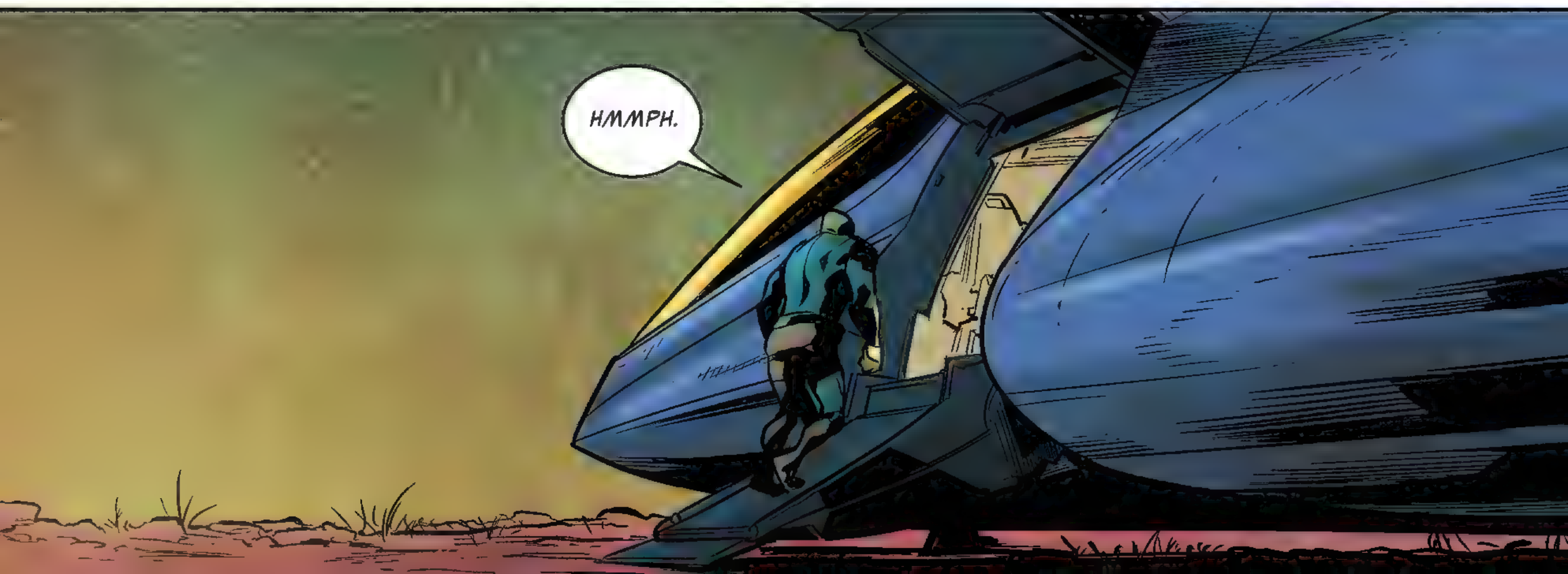
I
WILL.



WAIT--I
DON'T KNOW
HOW TO DO
THAT.



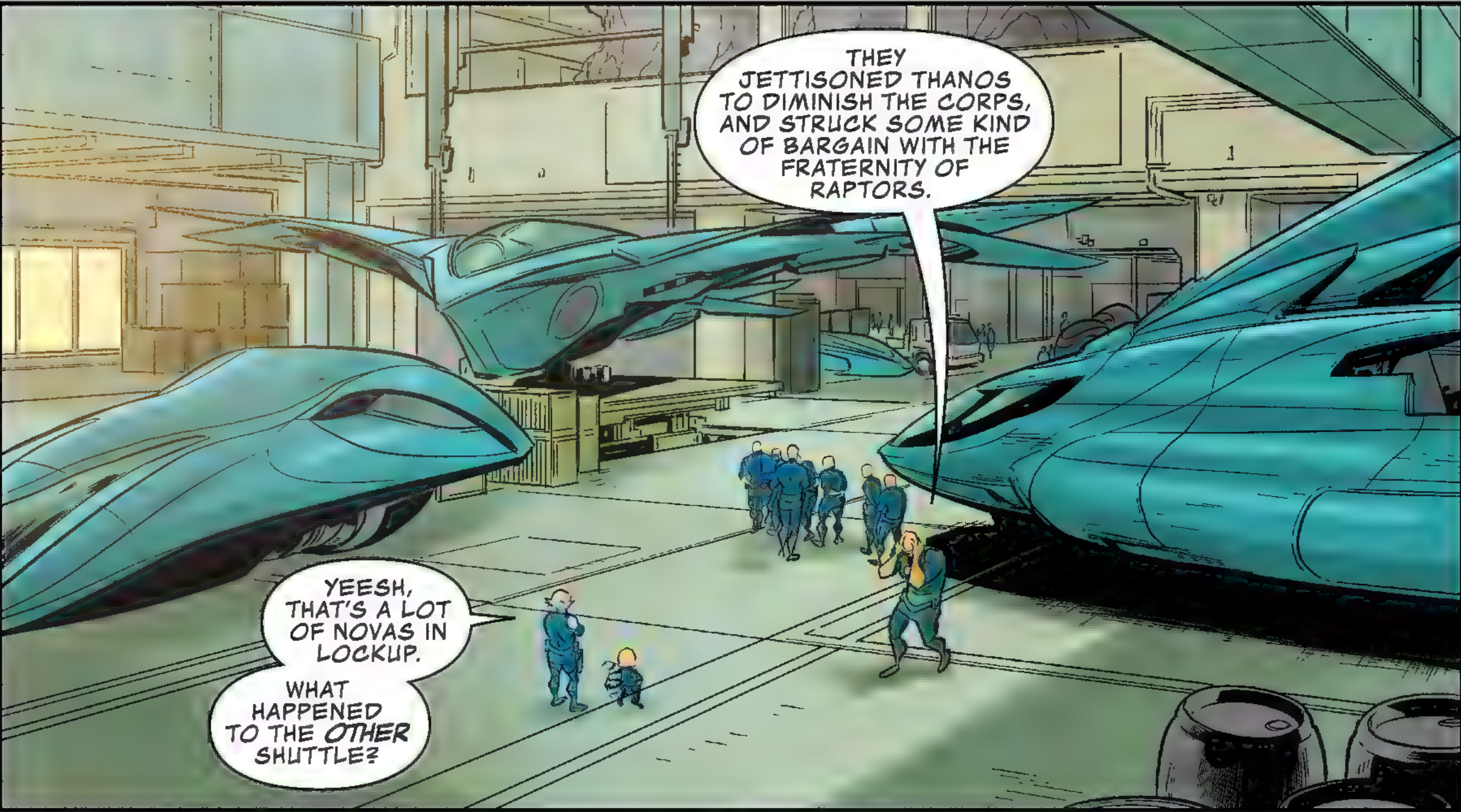
HMMPH.



THE ROCK.



ADSIIT, XIAN
AND HIS CREW
ARE SHI'AR
SPIES.



THEY
JETTISONED THANOS
TO DIMINISH THE CORPS,
AND STRUCK SOME KIND
OF BARGAIN WITH THE
FRATERNITY OF
RAPTORS.

YEESH,
THAT'S A LOT
OF NOVAS IN
LOCKUP.

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE OTHER
SHUTTLE?



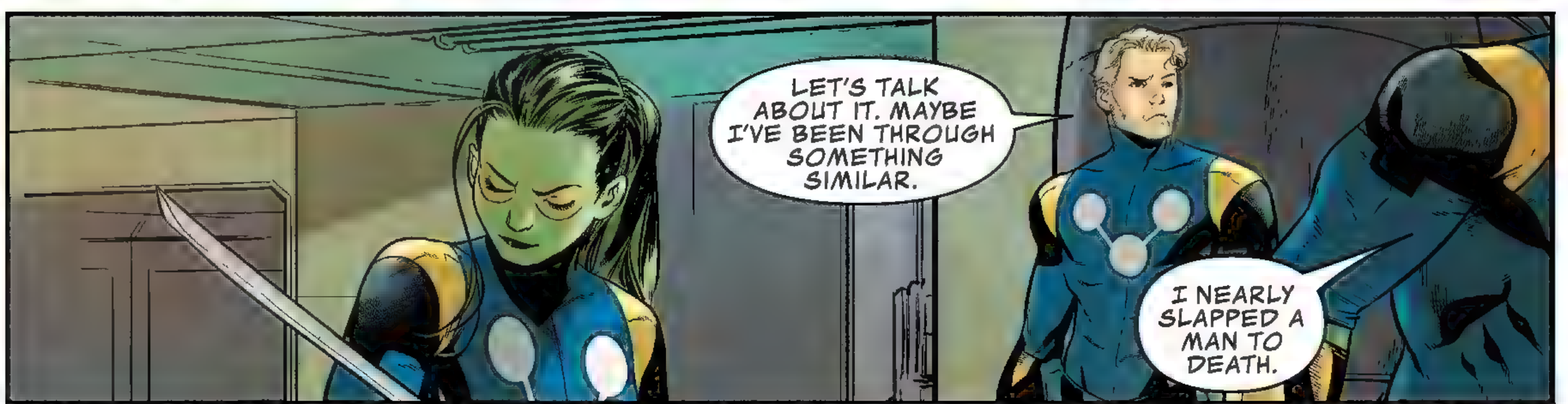
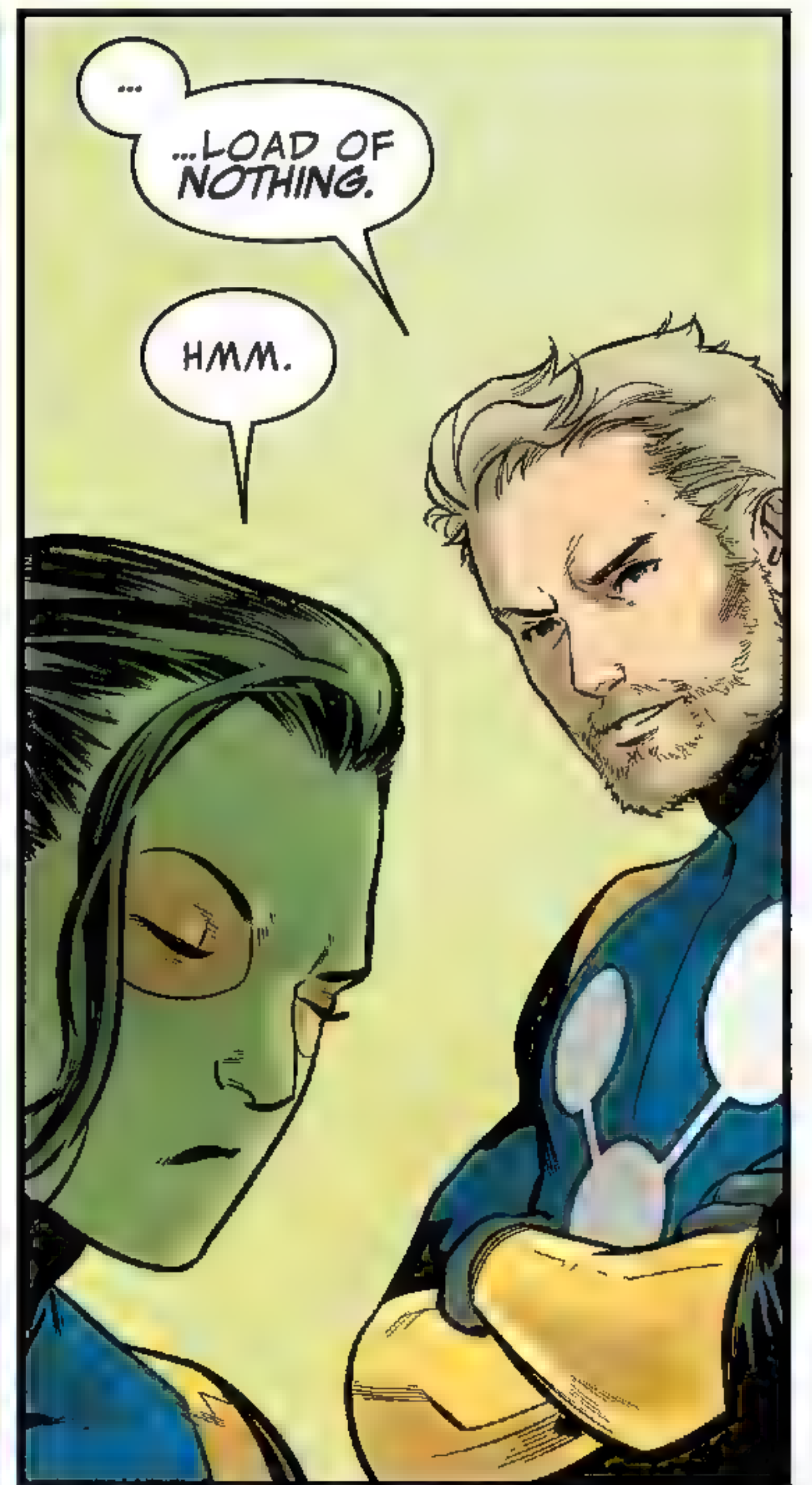
I GIFTED
IT TO SOME
WORTHWHILE
REFUGEES.

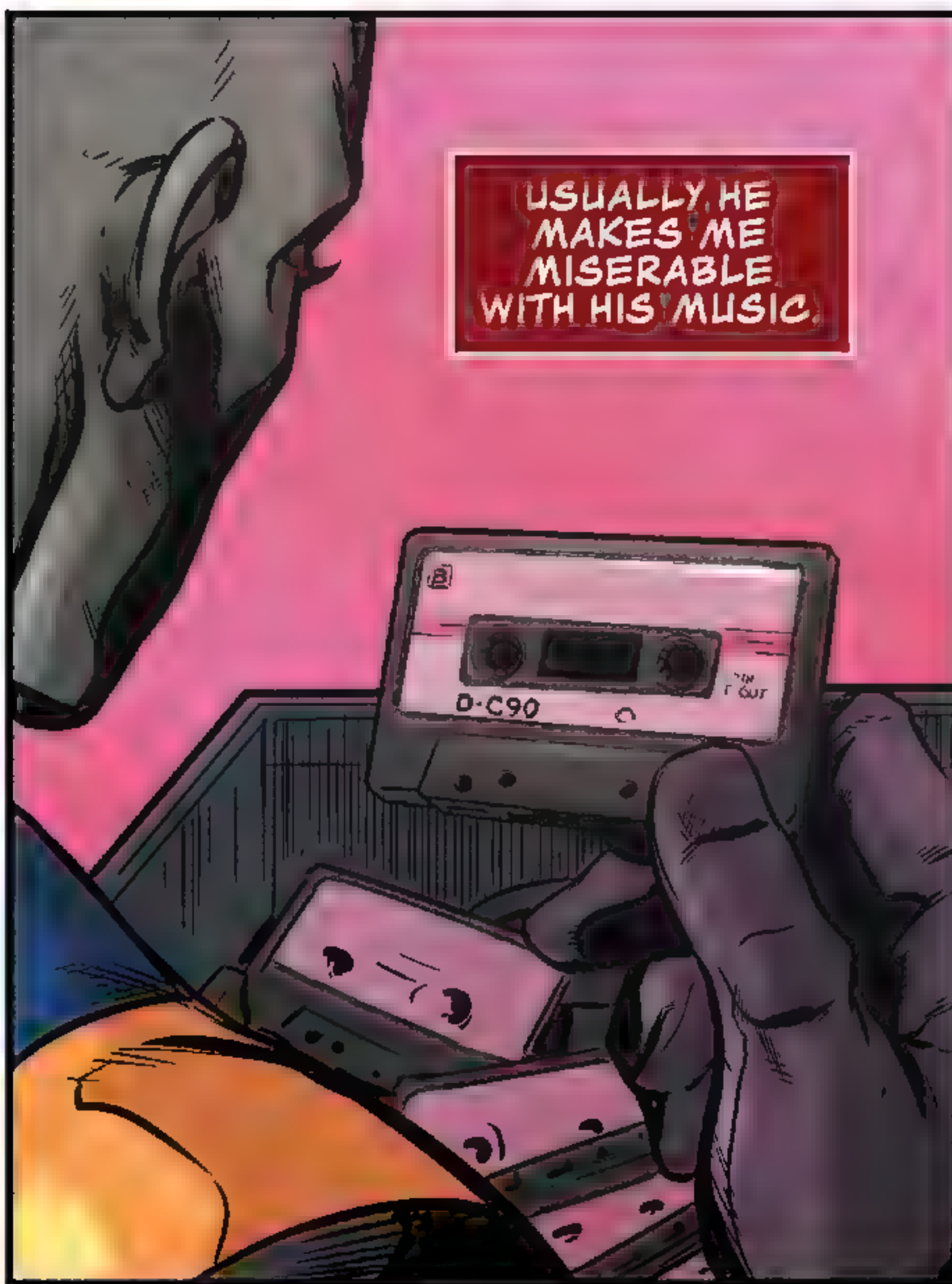
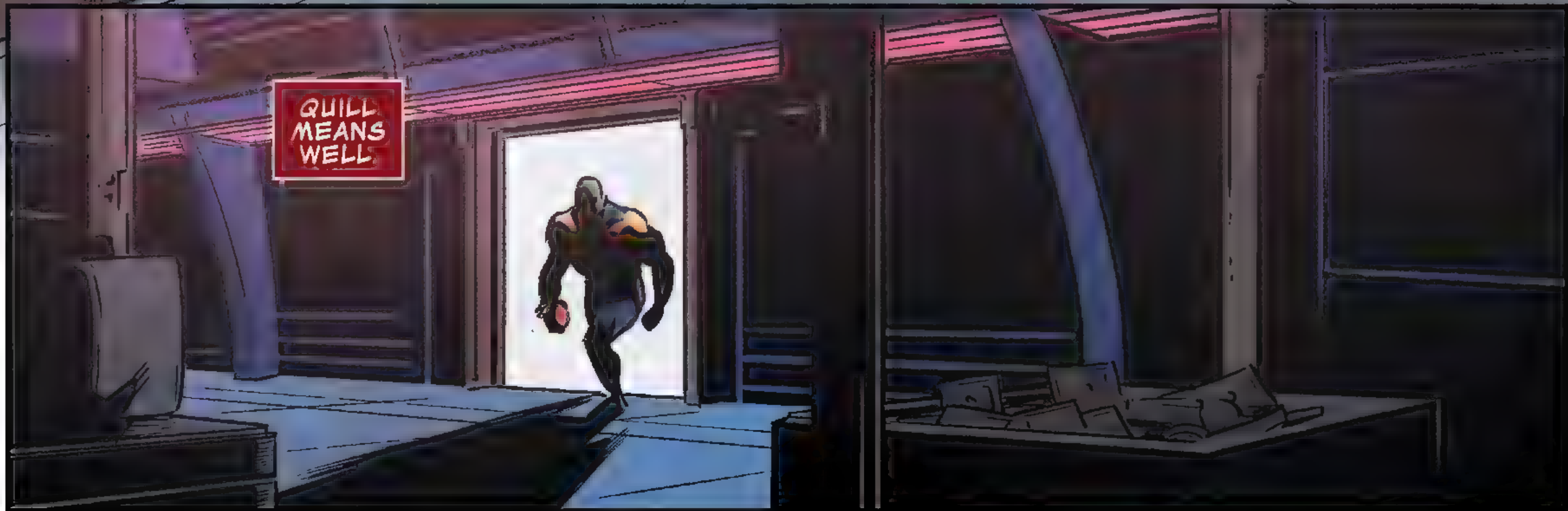
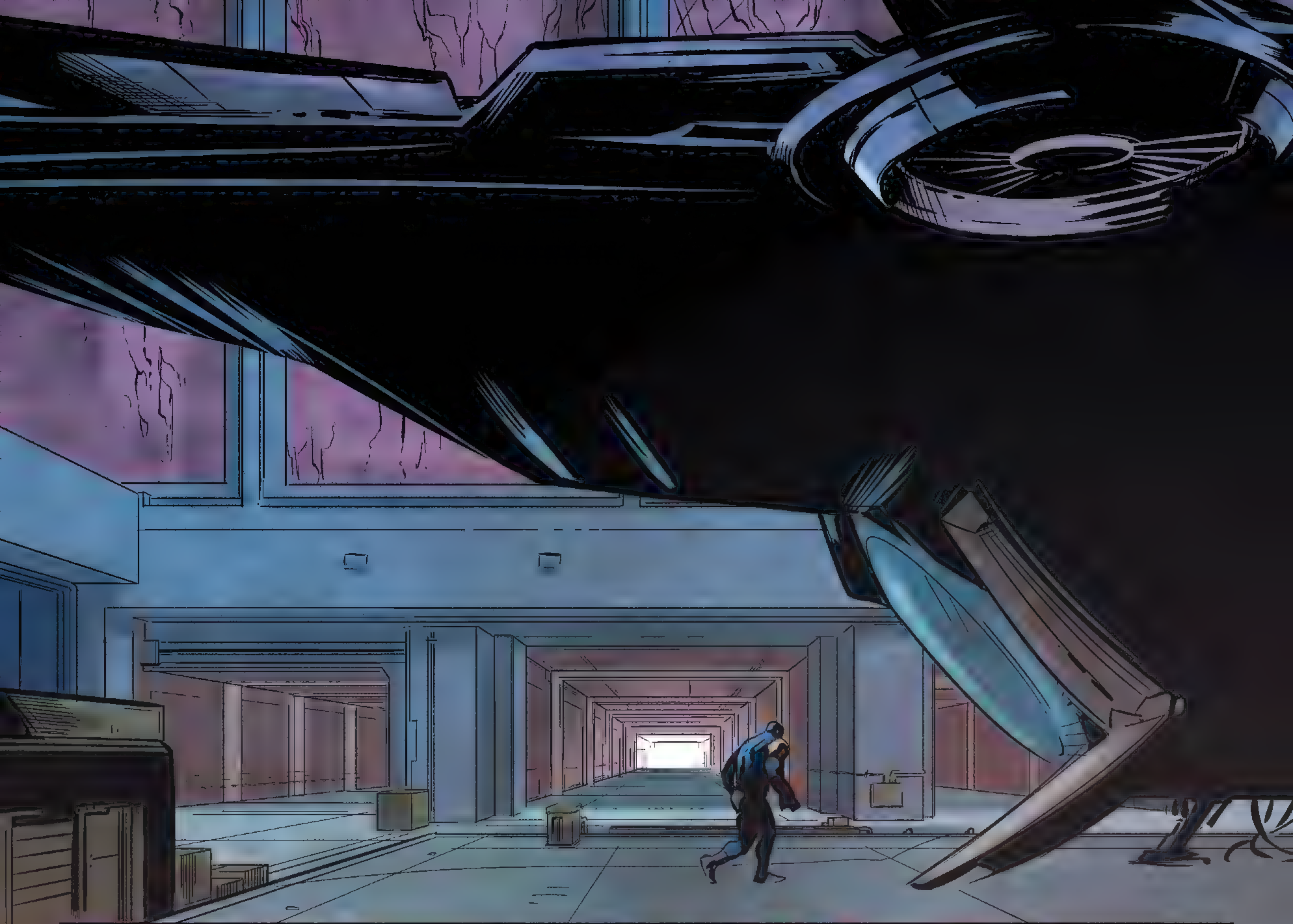
AW, C'MON!
THE CORPS
AIN'T MADE OF
SHUTTLES.
WE--



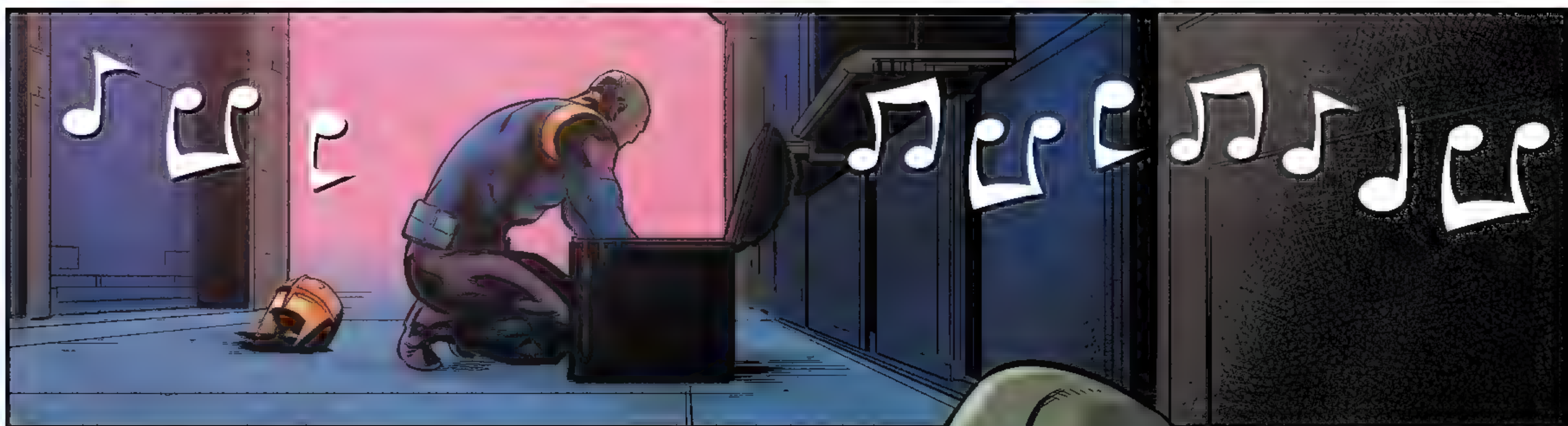
ER. OKAY.
I'LL WRITE
IT UP.

"HOW
COULD YOU,
GAMORA?"





♫ OUTSIDE THE STREET'S
ON FIRE IN A REAL
DEATH WALTZ... ♫





...BUT THEY WIND UP WOUNDED, NOT EVEN DEAD TONIGHT IN JUNGLELAND.



"SECURITY
ALERT!"

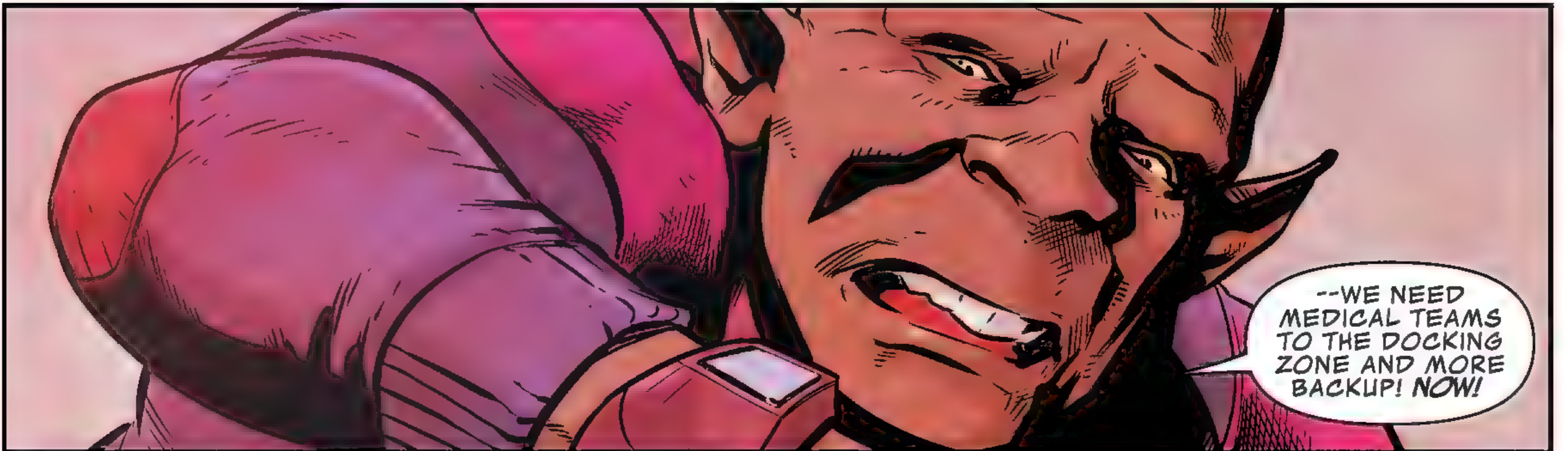
ATTENTION
KNOWHERE
SECURITY:
INTRUDER ON
MAIN DECK!



SOMETHING
HORRIBLE--IT
CAME OFF A
FREIGHTER--



--WE NEED
MEDICAL TEAMS
TO THE DOCKING
ZONE AND MORE
BACKUP! NOW!



NOW--
GA-AAAARGH!

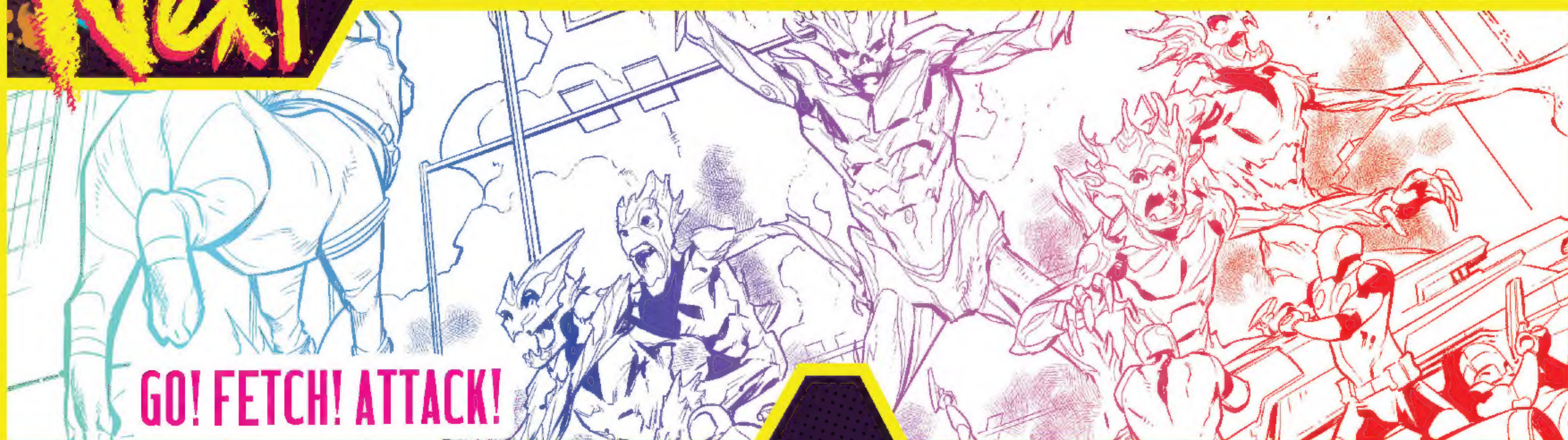




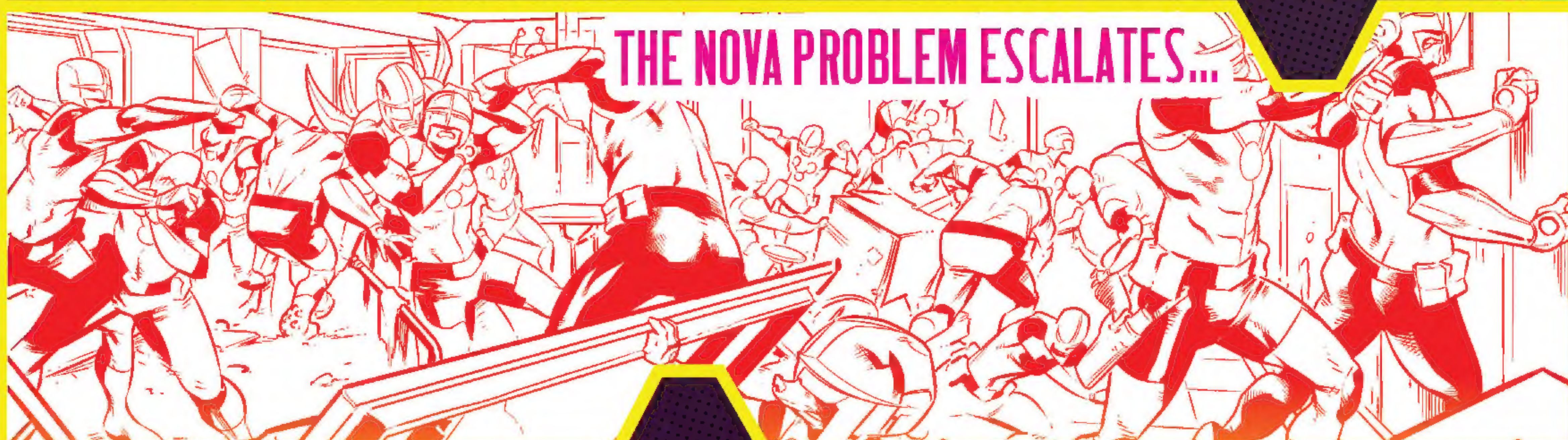


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GO! FETCH! ATTACK!



THE NOVA PROBLEM ESCALATES...



...NOTHIN' A BUNCH OF GUNS CAN'T SOLVE.

PLUS: THE HOTTEST FRATERNITY ON CAMPUS!



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